

Disadvantaged Communities

Joint Utility Guiding Principles



Workshop for Defining and Developing Alternative
Proposals for Disadvantaged Communities
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*Disadvantage Communities under NEM
Successor Tariff or Contract*

Assembly Bill 327 directs the CPUC to:

*2827.1. (b)(1) Ensure that the standard contract or tariff made available to eligible customer-generators ensures that customer-sited renewable distributed generation continues to grow sustainably and **include specific alternatives designed for growth among residential customers in disadvantaged communities.***

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- “Disadvantaged Communities” should be identified based on a CPUC approved definition that is consistent with other proceedings.
- Additional screens, such as “low-income” qualifying screens, may be needed to identify residential customers within disadvantaged communities who are eligible for specific alternatives in the successor tariff.
- Barriers to growth within disadvantaged communities should be clearly identified before developing alternatives, so that alternatives are tailored to target the specific barriers preventing growth. Alternatives should not be in the form of blanket solutions.

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Any alternatives considered by the Commission should:

1. Be designed to **target specific barriers** using **a least-cost approach** to minimize impacts to non-participating rate-payers
2. Ensure **cost shifts are minimized** by providing parameters (e.g., budget, time, or MW limitations)
3. Complement and **leverage benefits from existing programs** and incentives available to customers – alternatives should not be duplicative
4. Be **transparent**, easy for eligible customers to understand, and enhance customer awareness and protection
5. Be **administratively simple** to implement
6. Be **based on the new successor tariff** and follow guiding principles (e.g., CPUC's 10 Basic Rate Design Principles)